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## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

WAKE FOREST ... It's a good deed when one of our schools—Carolina, State, Wake Forest—is not in the kind of sports has-

Wake Forest's time

ing I was able to do Wake Forest friends this past weekend the alumni—many of whom are supporters and of them leaders in Club—were very much shocked to read in morning's newspapers resignations of Athletic Director Preston and Head Coach Tom Rogers.

HOME ... The station that he is stepping best interests of my ne" caused some raised because a lot of people stion would be much Winston-Salem than at

be much closer home college moves to the next year. He grew up le, only a whoop-and-in Winston-Salem, and valon Hall's daughter, a native of Yadkin w up there in Yadkin many years was this Republican Superior or. He was beaten out by Allie Hayes, a ty Republican and a Johnson J. Hayes, judge die District Federal only Republican Fed-elt in North Carolina. both Allie and John-leading Wake Forest

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Board of Trustees nston-Salem on Decem-er resignations will be sent to the group. eye on developments time—and for several and that—for a cue Wake Forest is going or the next decade.

there will be attempts both Athletic Director and Coach Rogers to minds. But to coach am, you have to have a coach, and to direct must have athletes in

Here is about the in North Carolina his fall as compared at this time:

x collections are up cent, sales tax col- up nearly 30 per cent; press shipments are up 25 per cent; bank de- ver 15 per cent; ABC are up nearly 10 per cent from farm market- ade over ten per cent; ce sales, up about 20 senger car sales, about

the year—or for ten the year, January ober, everything is up n months of 1954 ex-

from farm marketings- own about three per the ten months' figure at's something the Re- ll have to worry about the country next year. iest sign in the North onomy—or among the and indication of in the future—is that mits for this year are ter than 20 per cent n months' figure for er good point is that 20 per cent more new chartered this year

RS ... Three or four we devote a por- column to the sales in North Carolina. This good business barome- figures show how far- of cars are selling com- a year previous.

rding to registrations th the N. C. Dept. of es, here is the way DUNDUP, Page 6

## Board To Meet On Two Issues School Nominees Increased

The Orange County Board of Education has called a special meeting to be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock to study the forthcoming school bond referendum and to appoint two individuals to fill current vacancies on the Carrboro District School committee. The board set noon on Wednesday, December 7, as the time to dismiss classes in the county schools for the Christmas holidays. Supt. Paul Carr said he anticipated the request from the various schools and sought the decision. Approval was given for the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the maintenance crew. Approval was given for plans for the Aycock school lunchroom to be presented to the State Division of School Planning for its approval. A new classroom just completed at West Hillsboro school was inspected an accepted from the building who was authorized final payment.

Additional suggestions for persons to fill the two recently created vacancies on the Carrboro School Committee were received by County School Board in Hillsboro Monday morning. A petition with 281 signatures affixed was presented in the interests of Lloyd Senter and Ashwell B. Harward as successors to Walter Clark Jr. and R. B. Todd. The Carrboro Citizens Committee, presented another petition with 26 signatures affixed asking that the two committee members be chosen from among the following: Mrs. Jesse West, Mrs. Ralph Cheek, Cornelius Kaylor, Mrs. Ralph Howard, Al Brandon, Dr. Claude Baker, and the Revs. Henry Stokes and Paul Edwards.

**Hear Citizens Spokesmen**  
In its morning session the Board heard Mrs. Kaylor and Mrs. Marvin Woodard, representing the Citizens Committee, speak in the interests of the candidates whom they proposed. The terms of the two to be named will expire next April.

The Board also discussed the proposed straw vote on the issue of the merger with the Chapel Hill District which the Carrboro Committee has said it intended to conduct.

## ANNUAL BAZAAR

The annual bazaar of St. Matthew's Parish Guild will be held at the Colonial Inn in Hillsboro on Saturday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

There will be handwoven Christmas decorations and flower arrangements, Christmas gifts and novelties, toys for the children and food, including Brunswick stew. There will also be refreshments for sale.

Ballots boxes for the election are located at Long's Store, Cedar Grove; Compton's Store, Carr; Farmer's Mutual Exchange, Carrboro; Murray's Store, Caldwell; Farmer's Mutual Exchange, Hillsboro, and the ASC Office, Hillsboro.

Election to the three man Orange County Board of Supervisors, is for a three-year term beginning January 1. One new supervisor is elected each year.

James Compton, Cedar Grove, who has served as a supervisor of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District for the past six years, declined to serve again because of reasons of health. The Supervisors of Orange County together with the supervisors of the other four counties in the district comprise the governing body of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District.

The Neuse River Soil Conservation District was organized by

## COURT NEXT WEEK

A heavy docket of criminal cases ranging from murder, manslaughter, drunken driving and assorted other violence and domestic offenses has been scheduled for trial at a term of Superior Court scheduled to open on Monday. Judge Leo Carr will preside.



**OPEN HOUSE AT ASC OFFICE**—To thank the County Commissioners for their newly renovated quarters in the basement of the Orange County Agricultural building, local ASC personnel with the help of District and state ASC officials held an open house Monday afternoon. E. W. Avent, district fieldman, acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the Commissioners, State officials and visitors for short remarks prior to the serving of refreshments. Taking part from the State office were H. V. Mangum, assistant administrator, and Dan L. Hatch, head of the information division. The scene above shows a part of those present. New ceiling, new floor covering, new lights, new heating system and a complete paint job improved the appearance of the quarters considerably.

## Durham Choir Sings 'Messiah' Here Sunday

The Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church choir of Durham under the direction of the church's pastor, the Rev. George R. Edwards, will sing the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah Sunday night, at 8 p.m. at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church. Soloists of the group include Thomas Clayton, tenor; Ralph Underwood and Phillip Browning, basses; Mrs. Odell Whitfield and Miss Mabel Browning, altoes; Mrs. Herman Maynard and Miss Ruby Browning, sopranos. All of these and the remaining nineteen singers in the group are members of the Blacknall Church. Accompanist for the evening will be Miss Guinn Cooke, also of Durham. The public is cordially invited to join in the service.

On January 19 at 7:30 p.m., the Hillsboro Presbyterian Choir is scheduled to sing an exchange program at the Blacknall Church in Durham. The occasion for that performance will be the Celebration of Presbyterian World Missions.

## County Gets \$204,230 As Cut Of School Fund

The sum of \$204,230.42 was allotted to Orange County by the State Board of Education as its share in the second \$25 million of state school bond funds.

The total exceeds by \$8,900 the county's share of the first \$25 million. Of that sum \$130,454.70, or 66.79 per cent, went to the Orange County school board. The Chapel Hill school board received \$64,878.54, or 33.21 per cent. No information was available here today as to how the second allotment will be divided. The two school superintendents were reported out of town.

A school bond election authorizing the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 has been set for March by the county commissioners. The sum provided by the state today is not expected to alter the bond needs.

The two school boards estimated their needs over the next five years at \$2,830,000 and accepted a lower figure for the bond election because of legal debt limits.

## Area Passed Up As Location For New Plant

A New England industrial firm, which was described as the best prospect yet for location of a plant in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area, has passed the community by after receiving the red carpet treatment from State, University and County leaders from Governor Hodges down.

## County Board Hears Report On Farm Plan

A report on the proposed five-year plan to increase Orange County's annual farm income by \$2,000,000 was heard by the County Commissioners, meeting in Hillsboro Monday.

Zeb Burton, head of the Agriculture Committee of the County Agriculture and Development Commission, appeared before the Commissioners to give this report. He was assisted by County Farm Agent Don Maheson and Reid Roberts. Read into the minutes Monday morning was an account of a special meeting of the commissioners last week at which time the board considered the advisability of establishing a county manager and purchasing agency to include the duties now performed by County Tax Supervisor and Accountant Sam Gattis, as permitted in the General Statutes of the State. After thorough discussion the board unanimously agreed that the total volume of duties which might be assigned under the provisions of the statute did not warrant the establishment of the office of county manager in Orange.

In this special meeting the Commissioners completed their job and pay-scale classification for County employees that they started in July. Increases for the 1955-56 fiscal year totalling \$9,299 were made under the plan. Approved at the special meeting were raises for County Accountant and Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis, Tax Collector Carl Davis and Welfare Supt. Mrs. Jane Parker. Mr. Gattis' salary was increased from \$4,200 to \$4,400, Mr. Davis' from \$3,600 to \$3,750 and Mrs. Parker's from \$3,600 to \$3,750. All were retroactive to last July 1.

## Roberts Nominated For Soil Supervisor Post

Reid Roberts, Hillsboro, Rt. 1, has been nominated for Orange County Supervisor of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District, Orange County Chairman Henry Hogan announced today.

The election is being held this week, December 5th through 10th. All qualified voters of Orange County are eligible to vote for a supervisor. Other candidates may be voted for by writing their names in the blanks provided on the ballots.

Ballots boxes for the election are located at Long's Store, Cedar Grove; Compton's Store, Carr; Farmer's Mutual Exchange, Carrboro; Murray's Store, Caldwell; Farmer's Mutual Exchange, Hillsboro, and the ASC Office, Hillsboro.

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## Valuation Of White Plant Cut By Board

**Firm Protests Tax As Appeal Is Pending**

A majority of the Board of Commissioners Monday afternoon agreed to a reduction of some 32% in the real estate valuation of the White Furniture Company's Hillsboro plant.

Whether this would be acceptable to officials of the firm who have paid their county taxes under protest for the past two years and now have pending an appeal on the property valuation before the State Board of Equalization and Review, could not be ascertained.

Vice President Steve White appeared before the Commission two months ago and renewed his request that the property valuation be reduced, indicating he believed he and Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis could work out satisfactory valuations after further examination of the property and the Cleminshaw company valuations.

Mr. White termed the valuation an "injustice" and said he was willing to meet the county half way to forego the appeal. Prior to Monday's meeting Gattis and White agreed to adjustments in some of the smaller buildings, but failed to agree on the main structure. The Cleminshaw company valued that at \$71,000. Gattis thought it could be reduced to \$50,000 and White thought it should be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Under the formula proposed by the tax supervisor and approved by the Commissioners voting 2-1 with Chairman Hobbs not recording his vote, the real estate valuation was reduced from \$116,219 to \$79,200.

Commissioner Edwin S. Lanier asked that he be recorded as opposing any reduction after, according to him, it appeared White would not agree to any values but his own. Commissioners Dwight Ray and Henry Walker voted to adjust the values at the figures of the Tax Supervisor.

White's tax bill to Orange County, including real estate machinery and inventory, totalled \$1,387 last year.

In other actions the Commissioners heard a report from the State Jail Inspector T. A. Early regarding the condition of the county jail and afterwards instructed Gattis to secure estimates for remodeling the plumbing and construction of suitable temporary detention quarters for juveniles and the insane.

Negro County Agent Moses Burt told the Commissioners he had purchased a tape recorder for use in his work and asked the board to approve the purchase from supplies funds already allotted him. The board agreed to the purchase with the understanding that it might be used by other departments also.

December 24, 26 and 27 and January 2 were designated as holidays for county employees. The board will next meet on Tuesday January 3.

## Sacred Music Concert Set By Rural Choirs

The combined choirs of Eno, Little River, Fairfield, Presbyterian Churches and Cedar Grove Methodist Church will present a concert of Sacred Christmas music during the pre-Christmas season. The group is under the direction of Mrs. Allen Graham with Mrs. Jack Wells as organist. The concert will include "The Gesu Bambino", "Sing, oh, Heavens", "The Cherubim Song" and "Silent Night". Soloists will be Mrs. Jule Allen, Mr. Joe Compton and Mr. Allen Graham. Three performances will be given: December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Little River; December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Eno; December 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Fairfield. The public is cordially invited to attend any, or all, of these performances.

## Tax Listers Are Named For Work In January

Tax listers were appointed for each of the county's seven townships by the Board of Commissioners Monday.

They will work during the month of January for tax listing as required by law. All have previously served in that capacity. By townships the appointed listers are:

Chapel Hill, L. R. Cheek; Hillsboro, R. J. Smith Jr.; Cedar Grove, R. C. Compton; Bingham, Jeter Lloyd; Eno, Mrs. J. D. Griffin; Cheeks, Henry R. Heath; and Little River, A. E. Wilson.

## Scholarship Fund Includes This County

Orange is one of 11 counties which will benefit from a million dollar scholarship trust fund established by Aubrey Lee Brooks of Greensboro, distinguished North Carolina retired attorney, to en-



AUBREY L. BROOKS

able needy students to attend one of the three branches of the Great Southern University. Eleven scholarships a year, each valued at \$500, will assist students from 11 N. C. counties to choose and attend any one of the three institutions. Other counties are: Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Caswell, Person, Granville, Alamance, Durham, Guilford and Forsyth.

Other counties stand to benefit later from the Aubrey Lee Brooks Foundation, either from additions to the present endowment or from anticipated increased income. The present grant consists of 8,000 shares of common stock in Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

Financial need, character and academic standing are among requisites indicated for students from counties comprising the old "Imperial Fifth Congressional District." Students are to be nominated by principals of schools deemed eligible.

Ceremonies setting up the foundation were held yesterday at the Morehead Building. Those attending were Gov. Luther H. Hodges, Mr. Brooks and members of his family, and the foundation trustees.

## Decorations Contest Announced

The Hillsboro Merchants Association is sponsoring a decoration contest for the home owners to be judged on December 20.

This will be divided into three divisions: 1—best lawn. 2—best house decorations. 3—Small home and large homes. These will be for outside decorations only.

The house contest will be for doorways, windows, roofs and etc.

The lawn will include trees and other lawn displays. There will be no entry fee, but to be judged every home must register by December 17.

Either mail your entries to the Merchants Association or phone Mrs. Owen Allison at her home, Phone 3913 after 1 p.m. and Mrs. Dawkins at the Merchants Association Phone 2000.

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**HILLSBORO MERCHANT ASSOCIATION  
HOME DECORATING CONTEST**  
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Entries must be received by the Merchant Association by December 17, 1955. Judging will be Tuesday night December 20, 1955.